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SUBJECT: REVISED AYEC PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR 1976

REF: STATE 14680 AND PREVIOUS

1. REVISED PAGES 9, 11, 12, AND 14 OF AYEC PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR 1976 PROGRAM YEAR BEING FORWARDED DEPARTMENT AIR POUCH ATTENTION CU/EE DESK OFFICER SCHAFER.

2. EMBASSY WISHES ADD FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON AYEC SUPPORT TO SEMINARS AND SHORT-TERM GRANTS:

3. WHILE NUMBER GRANTS TO DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS HAS INCREASED OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS (I.E., FROM 5 IN 1975 TO 7 IN 1976), STILL COMPRISES MINIMAL AMOUNT (APPROX. 6 PERCENT) OF TOTAL OF MORE THAN 100 GRANTS AWARDED ANNUALLY BY AYEC. VALUE THESE GRANTS TO PROGRAM FAR EXCEEDS THAT PERCENTAGE. THROUGH THEM DISTINGUISHED US AND YUGOSLAV SCHOLARS, WHO UNABLE SPARE ACADEMIC YEAR OR EVEN SEMESTER AWAY FROM HOME UNIVERSITIES, CAN PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM, GIVE LECTURES, CONSULT WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES, AND ESTABLISH OR CONTINUE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES. POSSIBILITY OF AWARDED SUCH GRANTS ADDS MEASURE OF FLEXIBILITY TO PROGRAM WHICH ENHANCES VALUE OF AYEC'S ACTIVITIES IN EYES OF BOTH US AND YUGOSLAV ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES, THE COMMISSION'S MAJOR CONSTITUENCY.

4. AYEC INTENDS USE UP TO DOLS 10,000 IN DINAR EQUIVALENT TO SUPPORT SEMINARS AND OTHER MULTI-NATIONAL PROJECTS. WHILE THIS AMOUNT LARGER THAN THAT IN LAST YEAR'S PROGRAM PROPOSAL, IS SAME
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AMOUNT AS WAS EAR-MARKED IN PREVIOUS THREE PROPOSALS, ALL OF WHICH

RECEIVED BFS APPROVAL. AYES USES THIS MONEY TO FINANCE YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN SALZBURG SEMINAR, AND US PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER ENGLISH TEACHING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS, SUCH AS ONE ON "SYSTEMS APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS" BEING HELD THIS SEPTEMBER. SINCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUBMITTED APPROXIMATELY 18 MONTHS BEFORE SEMINARS DUE TO BE HELD, AYES UNABLE STATE SPECIFICALLY WHICH SEMINARS IT WILL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, THESE PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS ARE ATTENDED BY TOP YUGOSLAV AND FOREIGN SCHOLARS, THUS AYES AWARDS GRANTS FOR PARTICIPATION ONLY TO VERY HIGHLY QUALIFIED US SCHOLARS. BFS APPROVAL FOR THESE GRANTS SOUGHT IN SAME WAY AS FOR DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS.

5. EMBASSY WISHES POINT OUT THAT IN ORDER FULBRIGHT PROGRAM RETAIN HIGH OPINION OF YUGOSLAV ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, AYES MUST BE ABLE RESPOND

POSITIVELY AND RAPIDLY TO REQUESTS FROM THAT COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT FOR VISITS OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS AND FOR SEMINARS.
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